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KURT LEUSCHNER, Representing a regional college or
university

GARRATT AITCHISON, Representing California Department of
Parks and Recreation

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4 ACTION - Call to Order/Roll Call

5 TERRY HENDERSON: Ladies and gentlemen, we are
6 going to call the meeting to order. This is a meeting of
7 the Federal Advisory Committee. I'll ask Jim to do the
8 roll call, and then we'll go back and ask for each of you
9 to introduce yourselves to us with a bio of ten words or
10 less.

11 Jim.

12 JIM FOOTE: Very good. Representing the City of
13 Palm Springs, Sharon Apfelbaum. Absent.

14 Representing the City of La Quinta, Terry
15 Henderson.

16 TERRY HENDERSON: Present.

17 JIM FOOTE: Representing the City of Rancho
18 Mirage, Bob Brockman.

19 BOB BROCKMAN: Here.

20 JIM FOOTE: Representing the Pinyon Community
21 Council, Ruth Watling. Absent.

22 Representing the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla
23 Indians, Debra Olinger.

24 DEBRA OLINGER: Here.

25 JIM FOOTE: Representing a local conservation

1 organization, Jeff Morgan.

2 JEFF MORGAN: Here.

3 JIM FOOTE: Representing a regional college or
4 university, Al Muth. Absent.

5 And the currently appointed alternate members.
6 Representing City of Rancho Mirage, John Criste.
7 Absent.

8 Representing the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla
9 Indians, Tom Davis. Absent.

10 Representing a regional college or university,
11 Kurt Leuschner. Absent.

12 And representing California Department of Parks
13 and Recreation, Garratt Aitchison.

14 GARRATT AITCHISON: Here.

15 JIM FOOTE: We have a quorum of five.

16 TERRY HENDERSON: Did you call --

17 JIM FOOTE: I'm going to finish the
18 acknowledgements.

19 TERRY HENDERSON: Did you call the Board?

20 JIM FOOTE: Continuing, just to acknowledge the
21 attendance of Monument Board of Director members. Jeanne
22 Wade Evans, Forest Supervisor for the San Bernardino
23 National Forest. Steve Borchard, District Manager for
24 California Desert District. John Kalish, Field Manager
25 for the Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office. And

1 Laurie Rosenthal is on her way but stuck in traffic.

2 And also want to acknowledge Winnie, our court
3 reporter.

4 TERRY HENDERSON: Thank you.

5 Debra, would you please lead because some of us
6 know each other, and you're new among us. Would you like
7 to tell us a little bit about yourself.

8 DEBRA OLINGER: Very briefly. I'm Debra Olinger.
9 I'm a tribal member. And basically I'm here to learn
10 what you have to teach me. And hopefully if given the
11 opportunity, I'll be able to add in some way at some
12 point.

13 TERRY HENDERSON: Thank you. Thank you for
14 joining us today.

15 John.

16 JOHN KALISH: John Kalish, Field Manager of BLM
17 out here in Palm Springs. I've been in the field manager
18 position for almost three years, counting acting. But
19 I've been out working in this office since '99.

20 TERRY HENDERSON: Garratt.

21 GARRATT AITCHISON: Garratt Aitchison. I'm the
22 Sector Superintendent for Mt. San Jacinto State Park.
23 I've been with the department for about 15 years and in
24 this sector for about two.

25 TERRY HENDERSON: Jeff.

1 JEFF MORGAN: I'm Jeff Morgan. I'm with the
2 Sierra Club, the Tahquitz group of the Sierra Club, which
3 covers Coachella Valley, Riverside County, Joshua Tree
4 National Monument, national resources issues.

5 STEVE BORCHARD: Did you say the tackiest group of
6 the Sierra Club?

7 JEFF MORGAN: Absolutely we are the tackiest
8 group, yeah, the tackiest.

9 STEVE BORCHARD: I had to ask. The tee-esses.

10 BOB BROCKMAN: I am Bob Brockman, representing the
11 City of Rancho Mirage. I was formerly the
12 Planning/Community Development Director there, but have
13 since retired.

14 TERRY HENDERSON: Your appointment is new again;
15 right?

16 BOB BROCKMAN: I think so. From what I read, it's
17 back on.

18 TERRY HENDERSON: Yes. Okay.
19 And Steve.

20 STEVE BORCHARD: Steve Borchard, the District
21 Manager for the California Desert District, BLM.

22 TERRY HENDERSON: Steve, thank you for joining us.

23 JEANNE WADE EVANS: Jeanne Wade Evans, Forest
24 Supervisor, San Bernardino National Forest, and Steve's
25 driver today. Was late unfortunately. And I've been

1 forest supervisor for almost four years now for
2 San Bernardino.

3 TERRY HENDERSON: Great. Thank you. Winnie?

4 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm the court reporter.

5 TERRY HENDERSON: Thank you, Winnie.

6 Jim, do you want to tell us anything about you?

7 JIM FOOTE: Oh, sure.

8 TERRY HENDERSON: Or do you want me to do it?

9 JIM FOOTE: I'd be afraid of that, what would come
10 out of that.

11 Jim Foote, Monument Manager, including, like John
12 indicated, the acting session, been in the position, be
13 four years come February.

14 Welcome, Kurt. Just want the record to reflect
15 that Kurt Leuschner, alternate for the regional college
16 or university, representing College of the Desert, is in
17 attendance. And that means that we now have six
18 positions represented of the eight positions covered
19 under the current appointment.

20 TERRY HENDERSON: Kurt, we just did a little bit
21 of self, kind of introduction and ten-word bio. Would
22 you like to fill us in?

23 KURT LEUSCHNER: Well, I'm a Professor of Natural
24 Resources at College of the Desert in Palm Desert. And
25 very active with all kinds of organizations, conservation

1 organizations, here in the valley.

2 TERRY HENDERSON: Thank you for joining us.

3 I'm Terry Henderson, currently the Mayor Pro Tem
4 of the City of La Quinta and a founding board member or a
5 something board member of this organization since -- been
6 on it since 2000. It's been pretty exciting at times.
7 And this will be my last meeting.

8 So we will begin my last meeting. Thank you all
9 for being here.

10

11 ACTION - Approval of Monument Advisory Committee Meeting
12 Minutes from March 16, 2009

13 TERRY HENDERSON: The minutes went out via e-mail,
14 I think at least a month ago, was it, or so. Hope you
15 all got a chance to see them. And I would ask for a
16 motion to approve or not.

17 JEFF MORGAN: So move.

18 TERRY HENDERSON: You'll make a motion to approve?

19 JEFF MORGAN: Yes.

20 TERRY HENDERSON: Is there a second?

21 BOB BROCKMAN: Second.

22 TERRY HENDERSON: We have a motion to second. All
23 in favor of approving, please indicate by saying aye.

24 (Ayes) How many did you have there? 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

25 Five ayes. Thank you.

1 ACTION - Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

2 TERRY HENDERSON: Moving on to one of the most
3 important decisions I think you'll be making today, and
4 that is the election of your new chairperson and vice
5 chairperson. At this time I will open the subject up for
6 nominations or questions or comments.

7 JIM FOOTE: I should add a little qualifier to
8 that. Under our bylaws and standard operating procedures
9 that were approved on March 1st, 2008, regarding the
10 election of chairperson, vice chairperson, I just want to
11 call to the group's attention that the -- excuse me while
12 I find this.

13 A majority of committee members in attendance is
14 deemed sufficient to elect a chairperson and vice
15 chairperson when such election has been announced in
16 advance of the meeting.

17 I want to point out, however, that individuals
18 nominated for these positions must be in attendance at
19 the meeting when such election occurs or, if not able to
20 attend such meeting, have informed the designated
21 federal official in advance regarding their willingness
22 to serve in either capacity. I have received no such
23 indication.

24 TERRY HENDERSON: Okay. Tom -- let's go back and
25 get the court reporter to recognize that Mr. Davis has

1 arrived, is here. Thank you very much. We all did a
2 ten-word bio of who we were. You can do that in ten
3 words or less, can't you?

4 TOM DAVIS: Ten words. Okay. Let me think here.

5 I'm the alternate representative of the Agua
6 Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians. I'm their chief
7 planning and development officer. And I've kind of been
8 involved in this since the time the Monument was
9 established representing the tribe.

10 TERRY HENDERSON: Good. Thank you for being here
11 today.

12 JIM FOOTE: This would also be a good opportunity,
13 excuse me, to just point out voting procedures, since in
14 the room we have both the primary and alternate for the
15 same interest, being Debra and Tom. The tribe does get
16 one vote when it comes down to casting the votes.

17 TOM DAVIS: I didn't anticipate voting.

18 JIM FOOTE: Thank you, Tom.

19 TERRY HENDERSON: Okay. So we're back to the item
20 on the agenda which is, please, nomination for
21 chairperson.

22 Bob? Jeff? Would either of you be interested in
23 serving as chairperson?

24 BOB BROCKMAN: Yes. Whatever.

25 JEFF MORGAN: I nominate Bob.

1 TERRY HENDERSON: There's been a nomination for
2 Mr. Brockman. All in favor of Mr. Brockman, please
3 indicate. Or first of all, close the nominations. All
4 in favor of Mr. Brockman, so indicate by saying aye.

5 (Ayes)

6 TERRY HENDERSON: I think that was a unanimous
7 decision by all present -- all voting members present.
8 Thank you.

9 Do we change seats now? Let's do vice chair
10 first. I'm really working this, Tom.

11 JIM FOOTE: I see that.

12 TERRY HENDERSON: Nominations are now open for
13 vice chair.

14 BOB BROCKMAN: I nominate Jeff.

15 TERRY HENDERSON: Okay. Jeff, are you fine with
16 that?

17 JEFF MORGAN: Yes.

18 TERRY HENDERSON: Is there a second to that?
19 These gentlemen have all --

20 DEBRA OLINGER: I second.

21 TERRY HENDERSON: These gentlemen have all -- Jeff
22 has been on since Day One, and, Bob, you've been on --

23 BOB BROCKMAN: I have, too.

24 TERRY HENDERSON: -- since Day One.

25 So with that, I'll close the nominations. All in

1 favor say aye.

2 (Ayes)

3 TERRY HENDERSON: I think, all said, that was
4 unanimous.

5 We have a member of the public joining us.

6 JIM FOOTE: No, we don't. We have now to
7 recognize, for the record, John Criste has joined us, who
8 is the appointed alternate for the City of Rancho Mirage.

9 TERRY HENDERSON: Hey, John.

10 JOHN CRISTE: Hi, everybody. I don't know how it
11 happened.

12 TERRY HENDERSON: You have a name tag down here,
13 if you'd like to take a name tag, and there's a seat over
14 there and a seat up here. Please join us. We have moved
15 along on the agenda. However, everybody's done a hello
16 and five-minute -- about 10-word bio. Would you care to
17 do that for us?

18 JOHN CRISTE: My favorite was always from David
19 Copperfield: "I am born, whether I shall be the hero of
20 my own life." I'm a local planner. I've been here for
21 20 -- 30 years now and have worked on the Monument doing
22 all kinds of stuff when the BLM will let us. And looking
23 forward to helping in any way I can.

24 TERRY HENDERSON: Great. Thank you for being here
25 today. We're glad to have you.

1 We're beginning to fill out our seats here, and
2 Laurie has joined us.

3 LAURIE ROSENTHAL: Sorry I'm late.

4 TERRY HENDERSON: That's okay. You're just in
5 time.

6 JIM FOOTE: Let the record reflect that Laurie
7 Rosenthal, District Ranger for the San Jacinto Ranger
8 District of the San Bernardino National Forest, has
9 joined us.

10 TERRY HENDERSON: Would you like to introduce
11 yourself to everyone. We've got some new folks here
12 today, and we're filling up rapidly. We have already
13 done this around the room.

14 LAURIE ROSENTHAL: Sorry I'm late. More delays
15 than even anticipated on Highway 243. I'm Laurie
16 Rosenthal, the District Ranger based down in Idyllwild,
17 and I'm part of the Board of Directors of the Monument.

18 TERRY HENDERSON: Thank you.

19 JIM FOOTE: And they're pouring in. Let me say
20 this again. Let the record reflect that Ruth Watling,
21 the primary representative for the Pinyon Community
22 Council, has joined us.

23 TERRY HENDERSON: Ruth, we've already finished
24 roll call, and we all introduced ourselves and did a
25 ten-word bio. Would you please assist. We've got new

1 people in the room.

2 RUTH WATLING: Okay. My name is Ruth Watling, and
3 I live in Pinyon. I'm on the Pinyon Community Council
4 and active in affairs up there. I've been on this
5 committee before -- we're not a committee. I've been in
6 this group before.

7 TERRY HENDERSON: We're an advisory committee.

8 RUTH WATLING: That's right. Okay. And I'm just
9 vitally concerned in what goes on in the mountains and
10 the interface between the mountains, the National
11 Monument, and the valley floor.

12 TERRY HENDERSON: Okay. Thank you for being here.
13 You have also missed a nomination and election of the new
14 chair and vice chair. The new chair is Bob Brockman, and
15 Jeff Morgan is the vice chair.

16 RUTH WATLING: Perfect.

17 TERRY HENDERSON: What we're trying to actually
18 determine at this point is do I step down and they step
19 up. Jim?

20 JIM FOOTE: I think that's a decision for you and
21 Bob.

22 BOB BROCKMAN: I don't see the need to change
23 chairs, if that's what you mean. We're all settled here.

24 TERRY HENDERSON: Well, you could be chair from
25 right where you are.

1 BOB BROCKMAN: Okay. Terry, did I hear you say
2 this is your last meeting?

3 TERRY HENDERSON: Yes, it is.

4 BOB BROCKMAN: On behalf of the rest of the
5 committee, I would like to express my appreciation -- and
6 they may want to as well -- for your service to the
7 committee for all of these many years and as chairman for
8 two or three years, because we could never get a quorum
9 to do otherwise.

10 TERRY HENDERSON: Maybe they couldn't get a quorum
11 because I was chair.

12 BOB BROCKMAN: Whatever. But we really appreciate
13 your service.

14 TERRY HENDERSON: Thank you very much.

15 RUTH WATLING: Absolutely.

16 TERRY HENDERSON: Very kind of you. Thank you.

17 BOB BROCKMAN: All right. The next item on the
18 agenda is a discussion from Jim regarding the renewal of
19 the charter and bylaws for MAC.

20

21 DISCUSSION/ACTION - Renewal of MAC charter and bylaws

22 JIM FOOTE: Just as a little historical
23 perspective, several years ago, back 2005 and before,
24 there was one document constituting the charter for the
25 National Monument. Subsequent to that, effective in

1 2007, direction from the Washington office was to split
2 the charter and pull out those operational aspects of
3 that that might make more sense in a separate document
4 called The Bylaws and Standard Operating Plan, which we
5 did.

6 So for the last two years we've been operating
7 under those two documents, the monument charter and the
8 standard -- or the bylaws and standard operating
9 procedures.

10 And you'll see that in your packet. The first two
11 documents under the agenda are the current charter and
12 the current bylaws and standard operating procedures.

13 Change is always something that seems to come our
14 way. The current charter does terminate in December of
15 this year, so we're looking to recharter. And this year
16 we did get word from the Washington office that GSA is
17 looking to standardize charters, which always means that
18 there are issues with whether or not they meet the needs
19 of any particular group, and in this case, this National
20 Monument Advisory Committee.

21 The following two documents you will find with all
22 the red on them are what they did send to me as the
23 standardized versions of the charter and bylaws and
24 standard operating procedures. And the red marks are the
25 comments and edits that I sent back to them.

1 So this is the -- where we're going here, right
2 now it has not yet gone into the surnaming process in
3 Washington that ultimately leads to signature by both the
4 Secretary of Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture.
5 So we're still a little bit in the early phase here, and
6 we're anticipating that movement to occur fairly soon to
7 start through the surnaming process. Hopefully by
8 December when we -- when the current charter does expire,
9 we will be renewed.

10 BOB BROCKMAN: Are there any questions for Jim?

11 JEFF MORGAN: Do we have to do anything at this
12 time?

13 JIM FOOTE: In terms of the Monument Advisory
14 Committee, apparently the desire from Washington is not
15 necessarily that input from the committee is necessary to
16 move the charter forward. As they provided the
17 standardized charter to me, of course, that came with the
18 typical less-than-one-week time frame for response to get
19 back to them about, what changes do you see necessary,
20 which I did.

21 So at this point there is opportunity to move
22 additional comments forward. I haven't heard where
23 they're not accepting any more. So if the Monument
24 Advisory Committee does in fact have some additional
25 comments on either document, we're certainly willing to

1 take those. My attempt in commenting on this was to
2 reflect, as best we could, the elements of the previous
3 charter and bylaws.

4 BOB BROCKMAN: Terry?

5 TERRY HENDERSON: Bob, perhaps because we've just
6 all received these documents and have not had a chance to
7 review them, maybe we could set up a period of time where
8 if, within the next eight days they had comments, to get
9 back to Jim regarding something that he may have missed
10 herein -- and it's possible -- that should be included.
11 But I'm not sure -- I mean, I couldn't comment on these
12 'cause I've not read them.

13 BOB BROCKMAN: I have the same feeling, so it
14 sounds like a very good suggestion. Do you have any
15 other comments in that regard?

16 JEFF MORGAN: I'd like the time to read it.

17 TERRY HENDERSON: Assuming that no one would be
18 calling with something that changed the scope of
19 anything, but just clarify it and making sure that the
20 previous two documents coincide with these documents as
21 much as possible. So I'd suggest a time frame on that.

22 BOB BROCKMAN: Do you have any cutoff time that
23 you want call-backs?

24 JIM FOOTE: None's been expressed, but I would say
25 the sooner the better, and I'll endeavor to move those

1 comments forward. But I would suggest within a week's
2 time.

3 BOB BROCKMAN: Within a week. I think that's
4 reasonable.

5 TERRY HENDERSON: This is a Monday. So by next
6 Monday.

7 BOB BROCKMAN: So why don't we -- I'll take a look
8 at this and get back to Jim if there's any further
9 comments.

10 Now, tell us again, when does the charter need to
11 be renewed?

12 JIM FOOTE: The current charter expires on the
13 10th of December, which is the two-year anniversary of
14 the date of filing.

15 BOB BROCKMAN: Now, is that an automatic
16 renewal?

17 JIM FOOTE: No.

18 BOB BROCKMAN: So let me see if I understand this,
19 then. So do we need to take some action today about
20 renewing the charter without having had a chance to read
21 all of it?

22 JIM FOOTE: No. The process will proceed without
23 a MAC recommendation.

24 BOB BROCKMAN: Okay. So at least we don't have to
25 worry about taking official action with regard to the

1 charter.

2 JIM FOOTE: Correct.

3 BOB BROCKMAN: Sounds good. Anything else on this
4 matter? Is there -- I guess there is no action needed,
5 as you just said. So if we can all get our comments back
6 to Jim within a week, then everything will proceed from
7 there.

8 JIM FOOTE: Correct.

9 BOB BROCKMAN: Next item, we have a report and
10 update on the appointments and the composition of the MAC
11 as it's currently constituted.

12 Jim.

13

14 REPORT/UPDATE - MAC appointments, appointment process,
15 composition (current and projected), current call for
16 nominations, historic response to calls for nomination,
17 attendance record, OMNI Act re: MAC quorum requirement.

18 JIM FOOTE: The next several documents in your
19 packet relate to this. The first document reflects the
20 current composition and which positions have a current
21 call for nominations. As you can see, which I find kind
22 of a good thing, it's very heartwarming in a way that, of
23 all the appointed members, right now only two are not
24 here. That's, I think, pretty good attendance for the
25 experiences we've had, which will be nice. As we go

1 through these documents, you'll see we can reflect that
2 we do have a quorum today, which is not something we
3 achieved at the last meeting.

4 Under the composition you can see that we do
5 currently have seven filled positions as primary and four
6 filled positions as alternate. The yellow marks are
7 where we have out now a current call for nominations.

8 Further in your packet you'll see a copy of the
9 Federal Register notice that was published on
10 September 1st calling for nominations to those positions
11 that call for nominations, expires on November 30th.

12 Also in your packets is a sub-packet, if you will,
13 that explains the nomination process. It includes the
14 application forms. So I'd certainly encourage everyone
15 here to help us recruit for the vacant positions.

16 Now, some of these -- for instance, in the last
17 group of five where we have appointments expiring on
18 March 16th, that also affects Sharon, Terry, Jeff, and
19 Garratt. So even though some of these appointments,
20 particularly Garratt's and Jeff's, are very recent, to
21 keep this rotation going, we need to already ask for
22 nominations to those positions.

23 JEFF MORGAN: It's 2 1/2 years away.

24 JIM FOOTE: What's that?

25 JEFF MORGAN: When it expires, isn't it? Oh, no.

1 JIM FOOTE: No. March 16th, 2010.

2 JEFF MORGAN: Oh, yeah.

3 JIM FOOTE: So those current ones are coming up
4 fast. That's all due to two things really: a delay in
5 the appointment process that we've experienced lately,
6 and also a lack of interest in applying for positions
7 when we flew a Federal Register notice in December of
8 2008 calling for nominations for many of these positions,
9 for which we received zero responses. So those two items
10 have led to this abundance of vacancies that are
11 forthcoming in particular.

12 So moving on to the next table, it does reflect
13 the responses to calls for nominations. If I can help
14 you understand this --

15 JEFF MORGAN: Please.

16 JIM FOOTE: -- across the top you can see it says
17 "Date of Federal Register notice calling for
18 nominations." This just goes back to the last four calls
19 for nominations. April 24th, 2006, at that point,
20 because of circumstances, we extended it to January 7th,
21 two thousand -- 17th, 2007.

22 The March 20th, 2008, call for nominations, that
23 is the call for which the September 4 appointments of
24 this year came from. So it was 14 months and coming from
25 the time our packages left the Palm Springs office to the

1 point where those appointments were made.

2 December 5th, 2008, as you can see, wherever there
3 is an X, those were the positions we've identified in the
4 call for nominations. We received zero applications.

5 The September 1st, 2009, call for nominations,
6 that's current. All the positions where there is an X
7 indicate that we're seeking nominations for those. As
8 you can see, it's quite a number of them. There are 10
9 primaries and 12 alternate. The one anomaly here with
10 the dark blue, new calls for nominations forthcoming, of
11 the March 20th call for nominations, there was one
12 appointment that was not made. And we will be going out
13 shortly with a call to fill that position. That would be
14 the City of Palm Desert.

15 BOB BROCKMAN: Terry.

16 TERRY HENDERSON: Jim, there were a couple of
17 folks from La Quinta that I think you have visited with
18 or communicated with. Are they indicated on here in a
19 color, an X, or in any way?

20 JIM FOOTE: The current call for nominations does
21 call for both the primary and alternate for La Quinta.

22 TERRY HENDERSON: So that would not include the
23 folks that you've already -- they didn't fill out an
24 application or anything?

25 JIM FOOTE: Correct. We -- as the process goes

1 forward, from any one call for nominations to the next,
2 if there's an application submitted and a nonselection,
3 that application is not carried forward into the next
4 call. There is a resubmission required.

5 JEFF MORGAN: Does that mean if someone applies
6 and they are not -- they're rejected, that means it goes
7 on to the next --

8 JIM FOOTE: No. They would have to resubmit to be
9 considered in the next call for nominations.

10 JEFF MORGAN: That's not quite what I was asking.
11 If someone's filled out an application correctly and
12 properly submitted it, and then would be all -- then
13 those in Washington said no, a new application by another
14 person for that position --

15 JIM FOOTE: Would it be considered?

16 JEFF MORGAN: No.

17 LAURIE ROSENTHAL: From another person.

18 JIM FOOTE: From another person.

19 JEFF MORGAN: Or do they have to wait until the
20 next cycle?

21 JIM FOOTE: Typically what's happened, for every
22 position we've only had one applicant, so there is no
23 second person from which the Secretaries can choose to
24 fill that position.

25 JEFF MORGAN: Okay.

1 JIM FOOTE: That's been the case for quite some
2 time.

3 TERRY HENDERSON: So the call for applications,
4 the September 1st call, those applications need to be
5 returned by when?

6 JIM FOOTE: November 30th.

7 TERRY HENDERSON: And then those appointments
8 would take place when? Not the physical action, because
9 I know you can't --

10 JIM FOOTE: I can hint at that.

11 TERRY HENDERSON: Okay. If you want to hint at
12 it, go ahead.

13 JIM FOOTE: Let me just -- just to put perspective
14 in terms of time frames what we're looking at here,
15 understanding this last call for nominations that went
16 out March 20th of 2008, where the appointments were just
17 made this month, was unusual. That is not typical.

18 The prior appointments from the April 24th, 2006,
19 extended on January 17th, 2007, when those nomination
20 packages left the Palm Springs office going to the BLM
21 state office, then on to Washington, that time frame was
22 seven months. It's not real fast, but faster than
23 fourteen months. Half that time.

24 The Washington side of things is attempting to try
25 to expedite the process a bit more. You'll find another

1 flow chart in your -- actually two flow charts in your
2 packet, one that goes horizontally, one that goes
3 vertically. The one that goes vertically you've seen
4 before. I have distributed that to this group. And it
5 does show, when a nomination package comes into the field
6 office, all the various steps it goes through until
7 finally getting to the Secretary of the Department of the
8 Interior.

9 However, in our case there's additional steps
10 because this also needs to be vetted through the
11 Department of Agriculture. So this is part of the
12 picture, not the entire picture.

13 The horizontal flow chart shows somewhat of a --
14 in the Washington office mind, an expedited process to
15 where, when a position were to expire, if you were to go
16 out -- or back 240 days from that, that's when we should
17 be preparing the Federal Register call for nominations.

18 Across the top in typeface, I've attempted to put
19 some dates to this call for nominations that was
20 published on September 1st. My starting point was the
21 November 30th, which is the closing period in terms of
22 preparing the nomination packages to move on up to the
23 Washington office. If you take the time line through,
24 that yields an appointment date of May 15th, 2010, for
25 those ones that are currently open. And that's the

1 expedited process.

2 So the piece there is, as we get further on,
3 you'll see an agenda in terms of scheduling meetings.
4 And if we stick to our current rotation of every six
5 months, come the next March meeting, these appointments
6 we're calling for now will not have been made by next
7 March.

8 Something to think about when we look at dates --
9 in fact, it's anticipated that come next March, if the
10 meeting occurs after March 16th, we will have four
11 members appointed.

12 TERRY HENDERSON: Excuse me, Mr. Brockman,
13 Mr. Chair.

14 BOB BROCKMAN: Yes, dear.

15 TERRY HENDERSON: It would obviously be my advice
16 that the meeting be after March 16th because I'm not
17 coming back.

18 GARRATT AITCHISON: So current alternates and
19 primaries, if you are interested in renewing, you still
20 have to go through the entire application process in six
21 months?

22 JIM FOOTE: Yes. The current -- in fact, I do
23 have that here. The current packet of eight appointments
24 from the Secretary of the Interior's office indicates the
25 date of expiration, and those coincide with the dates

1 I've shown on these tables. So, for instance, yours,
2 Garratt, where you were just appointed on the 4th, come
3 next March, it's already expiring. The reason for that
4 is to keep that staggered rotation in order, trying to
5 keep those -- each five-position grouping together.

6 Unfortunately, again, for the delays and lack of
7 interest in folks applying at various times, we've been
8 unable to do that. But, yes, you'd need to reapply
9 during this current round that closes November 30th.

10 GARRATT AITCHISON: Same would go for the round --

11 JIM FOOTE: Yes. Yes.

12 BOB BROCKMAN: Jim, I'm assuming that for those
13 current members whose terms are going to be expiring in
14 the foreseeable future, you are providing them separate
15 notification about when they have to get their
16 nominations -- or their applications in?

17 JIM FOOTE: I can do that. I'll make a special
18 effort.

19 BOB BROCKMAN: Because this can be a little bit
20 confusing, and I think it probably behooves us to make
21 sure that as soon as you know that some reminder needs to
22 occur, that you carry that out. I think it is --
23 especially in your case, it's just right around the
24 corner.

25 GARRATT AITCHISON: I think I just filled that

1 out.

2 JIM FOOTE: It feels that way.

3 There is one more table here. This is the
4 attendance record. Just to give again some historical
5 perspective, this goes only back to February of 2005. It
6 will indicate which positions were represented over time
7 at all the various meetings. The last row, as you can
8 see, is divided. Each of the columns is divided into
9 two. This is the first time there has actually been an
10 officially appointed alternate to serve on the Monument
11 Advisory Committee. Therefore, you can see the division
12 here.

13 The key point to recognize here is where the white
14 on the last row are, those are where the X's are going to
15 go based on attendance today. So the important part
16 there is the final column, yes, we have achieved a
17 quorum.

18 And just to -- I should continue on. I think
19 we're on the same item here. Looking at, well, how is it
20 we achieved a quorum with six today? If you look at
21 monument-enabling legislation, it states that eight
22 members are required for a quorum. Well, the change is
23 reflected in other documents in your package. And this
24 is a short piece of the Omnibus Public Land Management
25 Act of 2009. I've highlighted the pieces that are

1 relevant to the National Monument. Under the wilderness
2 designation, you'll see Santa Rosa Wilderness additions.
3 I have also provided a map that reflects these as well in
4 the packet.

5 On the middle pages there's actually nothing that
6 applies to the National Monument in Section 1851.

7 On the back page there are two things. One is the
8 designation of Palm Canyon Creek as a national wild and
9 scenic river.

10 But relevant to the quorum requirement for the
11 MAC, it's Section 1853. And if you look at Section B,
12 the quorum requirement is amended from eight to a
13 majority of the appointed. So at this point in time
14 there's -- a little bit of interpretation is required
15 here because, since we have alternates, we're really
16 looking at the majority of the appointed, meaning how
17 many positions are represented.

18 We have potentially 30 members of the MAC now with
19 15 primary and 15 alternates, so really when it comes
20 down to determining quorum requirements, it's a majority
21 of the positions that are represented by either a primary
22 or an alternate.

23 For instance, Garratt is an alternate, but since
24 there's no primary, he functions in the primary category.
25 So his position, or California State Parks, is

1 represented here by an alternate. And we do have seven
2 other positions that are represented by primaries, and
3 several of those have alternates as well.

4 So right now we have a potential for eight
5 positions being represented with the current
6 appointments, meaning our quorum requirement is five.
7 Majority of the appointing block.

8 BOB BROCKMAN: So it will be a fluid number as
9 appointments come and go?

10 JIM FOOTE: Yes. Any questions for that? This
11 does get a little bit complicated with all these tables,
12 and it is a little bit of a challenge at times to keep
13 track of who's where. But these do help me, and I hope
14 they help everyone else.

15 RUTH WATLING: It worries me. I'm starting to
16 understand this.

17 BOB BROCKMAN: Anything else on that subject, Jim?

18 JIM FOOTE: Not unless there are questions.

19 BOB BROCKMAN: Seeing none, we'll move down to the
20 report and update continued. Anything additional in the
21 4:15 spot here that you had in mind?

22 JIM FOOTE: No. This was just anticipating we
23 might extend the discussion, and public comments could
24 come in in the midst of this. But we haven't hit 4:00
25 o'clock yet.

1 BOB BROCKMAN: And there doesn't seem to be any
2 public yet, but we'll wait until 4:00 before we determine
3 that.

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5 DISCUSSION/UPDATE - Purpose and need for MAC,
6 continuation of discussion from meeting of March 16

7 BOB BROCKMAN: That takes us down to Actions and
8 Discussions, purpose and need for MAC; continuation of
9 discussion from the meeting of March 16th. I'm going to
10 let you introduce this one, Jim.

11 JIM FOOTE: Two more documents in your packet.
12 One is entitled Purpose and Need for Santa Rosa and
13 San Jacinto National Monument Advisory Committee,
14 indicating background. And this is to reflect what
15 occurred prior to the March 16th meeting.

16 And just to elaborate on that, Terry, Jeff, you
17 were there at the meeting. If you want to jump in, feel
18 free to do so.

19 Prior to the March 16th meeting, there were
20 questions raised by MAC members about the need to
21 continue the MAC, whether it serves a continuing purpose
22 and should be terminated or if it did have a useful
23 function and it should continue.

24 And I also reflect in here from the
25 monument-enabling legislation -- I should quote this:

1 "The Secretary of Interior and the Secretary of
2 Agriculture shall jointly establish an advisory committee
3 for the National Monument whose purpose shall be to
4 advise the Secretaries with respect to the preparation
5 and implementation of the management plan required by
6 section 4."

7 The management plan was completed in 2004 with
8 substantial input from the Monument Advisory Committee.
9 There are those that believe that was sufficient to
10 serve -- or the MAC had met its purpose in doing so and
11 therefore should be terminated. And others did not agree
12 with that. There was not concurrence from the March 10th
13 meeting that was convened by Chairperson Terry Henderson.

14 And then, as I indicated, the work group did not
15 reach a consensus whether the MAC should continue to
16 meet. The results of the work group meeting were
17 presented at the March 16th MAC meeting. And then I
18 referenced the following page as a summary of the
19 discussion at that March 16th meeting.

20 The first part in performing a useful function
21 identifies, as was discussed at the meeting, what is --
22 why the MAC should continue, what is its continuing
23 useful function. I'll let you read that for yourselves.

24 The other discussion points regarded challenges in
25 securing appointments to the MAC. We kind of discussed

1 that already today. The sporadic attendance of appointed
2 MAC members. We've also looked at that in one of the
3 tables. That comes down to a lot of the frustration of
4 the appointment process, over time the reduced number of
5 action items on which the MAC acts. And then the
6 perception of less relevance as attendance went down.

7 Financial impact of continuing the MAC was
8 discussed relative to the staff time for preparation,
9 court reporter costs.

10 Also discussed were alternative ways for the
11 agencies to solicit public input without violating the
12 Federal Advisory Committee Act. These include town hall
13 style meetings. If there is a need for action from a
14 charter advisory committee, potentially utilizing the
15 California Desert District Advisory Council. Have
16 regularly scheduled meetings to update the public and
17 provide opportunities for comments. And as was noted,
18 this being a close-knit community, many folks will bring
19 actions to these various organizations, and they'll take
20 action and we'll get done what needs to get done.

21 Reason for deferring the action on this item to
22 this meeting was there was a lack of a quorum. There was
23 a delay of appointments which resulted in limited
24 representation at the March 16th meeting. It was felt
25 that it just wasn't fair to make a decision about the

1 future of the MAC when so few people or organizations and
2 interests were represented.

3 There was also a need for additional time for the
4 MAC members to discuss this with the interests they
5 represent to come to a conclusion about should this
6 continue.

7 As you recall from the previous MAC meeting, we
8 had discussed the opportunity to convene a separate
9 meeting in advance of this meeting to raise these issues,
10 discuss it. Of course, that was dependent upon
11 appointments being made prior to September 4th. But
12 because the appointments came so late, there was really
13 no opportunity to convene a meeting prior to this one.

14 So hence, per the discussion and desire of the MAC
15 as expressed on March 16th, this item was to be continued
16 to the next meeting, which happens to be this one.

17 BOB BROCKMAN: Thank you. I do have one question.
18 I'm still a little unclear about this rechartering,
19 because one of the issues that you had listed here, I
20 seem to remember from our March 16th meeting, was that we
21 needed to meet in time to recommend on a recharter. From
22 what you said today, that recommendation is no longer
23 needed. Has something changed?

24 JIM FOOTE: Nothing's changed other than my
25 understanding of the process.

1 BOB BROCKMAN: Okay. Terry.

2 TERRY HENDERSON: Maybe -- let me see if I make it
3 more confusing, which I'm usually pretty good at.

4 If there had or were to be a consensus to not
5 recharter, I think you would have to make that request to
6 not recharter. Maybe I'm wrong. But we're not doing
7 anything to the charter itself other than transforming it
8 from our language into the boilerplate they want us to
9 use. So a charter would automatically move forward
10 without action from this committee. But a noncharter
11 would need action.

12 JIM FOOTE: It's still the Secretaries' discretion
13 on chartering this organization. A recommendation to not
14 recharter, to abandon would be considered by the
15 Secretaries, but that necessarily wouldn't dictate the
16 final outcome.

17 TERRY HENDERSON: Right.

18 BOB BROCKMAN: That's kind of how I remembered it.
19 But in our earlier discussion today, we talked about just
20 providing you comments on the new charter, and that sort
21 of presumed that the charter will continue on. Now, I
22 suppose somebody could make a comment and say we
23 shouldn't recharter, that's my comment, period, and you
24 take that under consideration.

25 But the problem with that kind of a discussion is

1 that there wouldn't be any interaction among the rest of
2 the members regarding that. So we're kind of in a
3 Catch 22 situation here about the chartering and the need
4 for continuing the committee.

5 JIM FOOTE: Maybe I can clarify that. I'm
6 requesting comments on the content of the charter,
7 presuming there will be a rechartering. This group, in
8 order to deal with the recharter-or-not issue, if
9 individuals were to send me a message saying my position
10 is not to recharter, that will not go anywhere.

11 This needs to be consensus of the -- or at least
12 the majority of the MAC members -- we have a quorum
13 present -- to make that recommendation, at which point
14 that recommendation would be moved forward. But
15 individual comments --

16 TERRY HENDERSON: Just saying it here today will
17 not get anywhere unless there is a consensus, correct.

18 BOB BROCKMAN: Okay. So having heard that, are
19 there any comments, questions on this issue?

20 RUTH WATLING: I have a question on the financial
21 impact, Jim. Do you have a ballpark figure what it costs
22 your office?

23 JIM FOOTE: We do reflect in the charter -- in
24 fact it's a required element of the charter to anticipate
25 costs associated. These are those ballpark kind of

1 figures.

2 And under item 12 of the current charter,
3 estimating annual operating costs, the committee is
4 \$40,000, which includes four work months of federal
5 employee support. My inclination is to say that's high,
6 that it's less than that.

7 RUTH WATLING: If we didn't use this money to have
8 this body, would you get to reapply it somewhere else, or
9 does it just go away?

10 JIM FOOTE: The predominance of costs comes from
11 labor. There are two aspects, one primarily in labor.
12 So those -- I get paid whether I do this or something
13 else. So those dollars would not -- would result in work
14 being done elsewhere as opposed to necessarily on this.

15 The other cost piece is the court reporter costs,
16 which are paid by the Forest Service. And that runs
17 about anywhere from \$3,000 to \$4,000 a year.

18 RUTH WATLING: Okay.

19 JIM FOOTE: Or actually I think it's less than
20 that. I think because of the abbreviated number of
21 meetings, I think we are down to \$2,000.

22 RUTH WATLING: Okay. So a thousand per meeting,
23 roughly.

24 JIM FOOTE: Right.

25 BOB BROCKMAN: On that subject, Jim, refresh my

1 memory. Is the court reporter a requirement of the
2 departments currently or the charter or any of those --

3 JIM FOOTE: No. The requirement is for detailed
4 minutes. It's been this group's desire historically to
5 reflect those through a court reporter.

6 TERRY HENDERSON: To follow up, then, if it wasn't
7 a court reporter, would you be taking the detailed
8 minutes, or would there be another staff person here
9 taking detailed minutes?

10 JIM FOOTE: Presumably another staff person,
11 because it's hard to function in this position and take
12 notes at the same time, so --

13 TERRY HENDERSON: Can't multitask, huh?

14 BOB BROCKMAN: Would that be a significant cost
15 savings? Or an increase?

16 JIM FOOTE: Again, it goes back to that, looking
17 at staff time and how those labor dollars are reflected.
18 It's taking essentially work that could be done here and
19 moving it over here to just assemble those notes. So
20 there would be -- in terms of real dollars at the end,
21 yes, a real dollar savings to the Forest Service of
22 roughly \$2,000 a year. In terms of dollars saved from
23 labor, it would simply be reallocation of work from
24 taking notes to another function.

25 RUTH WATLING: So if we move to the town hall

1 style meeting and the various other options, there is a
2 cost in that, too?

3 JIM FOOTE: Staff time, yes, absolutely. The
4 additional costs I fail to reflect is because we don't
5 see the bills, are the publication of the Federal
6 Register. This is every time we have to publish the
7 dates for the meeting, we call for nominations, we do
8 charge that to the Washington office Forest Service
9 account, which I think is kind of a hidden cost to the
10 Forest. But it is a real cost.

11 TERRY HENDERSON: The town hall meetings would be
12 issue oriented; right? If there were no issues, you
13 wouldn't be going to or looking to have a town hall
14 meeting or working in conjunction with the other -- the
15 desert something or other.

16 JIM FOOTE: Yes and no. Depending on the desire
17 of the community, we could do only targeted meetings for
18 issues or we could schedule meetings of just an
19 informative nature to update people as to what we're
20 doing, without there really being an issue, but just so
21 they're aware of what we do.

22 TERRY HENDERSON: But you wouldn't have a court
23 reporter there?

24 JIM FOOTE: Correct.

25 JEFF MORGAN: The cost of the court reporter, you

1 say around \$2,000 per year, is an absolute teeny, teeny
2 speck on a drop in a giant, giant bucket. And I doubt
3 that the BLM's \$77 million allocation for the National
4 Monument, et cetera, you know, that -- yes, budget, you
5 know, \$2,000 in 77 million is barely -- probably not
6 measurable as a percentage factor.

7 TERRY HENDERSON: And, Jeff, on that I would
8 agree. And, yes, maybe he could bring a staff person out
9 that would be somewhat less expensive, but then he's
10 being pulled off. They're probably short-staffed as it
11 is. So this is something like cities will hire a
12 contract worker or a consultant to do a job so that you
13 aren't pulling somebody else on staff off the project,
14 driven projects. So I -- personally I think the court
15 reporter is fine.

16 JEFF MORGAN: I tend to agree with Terry on that.
17 We got minutes we can read. We can throw them away. We
18 can file them. I mean, at least you get a chance to read
19 them, whereas someone just taking a few notes, probably
20 be less detailed and things might get missed or whatever.

21 JIM FOOTE: The benefit of the court reporter's
22 notes are also, we do have access to those on our
23 National Monument web page. You can go back to all the
24 meetings and see the notes from all those meetings and
25 try and get the historical perspective.

1 JOHN CRISTE: Including this meeting?

2 JIM FOOTE: It will be.

3 JOHN CRISTE: Oh, my God. I wish I would have
4 known.

5 BOB BROCKMAN: Tom, did you have a question?

6 TOM DAVIS: Yes. I think you probably already
7 answered this, but you're referring to this general
8 records schedule of 26, item 2, as your guideline for
9 recordkeeping?

10 JIM FOOTE: Uh-huh.

11 TOM DAVIS: It just says detailed minutes be kept?

12 JIM FOOTE: Correct.

13 TOM DAVIS: That's all it says.

14 JOHN CRISTE: First, I need to apologize because,
15 my first meeting, and I've got to leave in five minutes.
16 But I was wondering from a facilitating or credibility or
17 enhancing ability to get grants and funds, et cetera,
18 having the MAC is probably a good thing to show the level
19 of public involvement in the management of the Monument.
20 And does that come into play, something we should be
21 considering when doing away with ourselves?

22 JIM FOOTE: I haven't experienced a case to really
23 say one way or the other. It's the MAC --

24 JOHN CRISTE: We might not matter at all at the
25 end of the day?

1 JIM FOOTE: Or it might. Right now I think it's
2 also important to understand that right now the direction
3 we're going is to continue the MAC. So it would take an
4 affirmative recommendation from this group to go in a
5 different direction.

6 TERRY HENDERSON: You know, Bob, because I was
7 involved in so much of surfacing this and the
8 subcommittee, the discussions that we had there -- and
9 Jeff was there -- and it was clear that we didn't reach a
10 consensus. And maybe it was just the oldtimers, if you
11 will. Buford and Bill Havert and, you know, a number of
12 them, along with myself, thought that we had reached a
13 point of uselessness, if you will.

14 And because there is the Mountains Conservancy and
15 Friends of the Mountains and if you were to apply for a
16 grant, you could probably use them as a coordinating
17 body -- to satisfy, maybe, a concern that you had over
18 here.

19 We were chartered with putting that work plan
20 together. We worked for several years on that, had lots
21 of rowdy meetings, had lots of calm meetings, moved
22 around a lot. We've accomplished that.

23 There was a group of us -- and it may have just a
24 different tenor right now -- but there was a group of us
25 that thought that maybe the time had come to have the

1 public input through the Desert Mountains, Friends of the
2 Desert Mountains, and there's the Multispecies Habitat
3 Plan, the CVCC, the folks -- the trails committee that
4 has currently been formed that is out there that the
5 general public is accessing. You can see they are not
6 coming here to access us.

7 But they can really get close to those other
8 groups, touch and feel them and be heard. And this body
9 is not exuding that kind of closeness, if you will.

10 So, my perspective, that's where some of that came
11 from, and it was supported by at least -- I mean, Buford
12 and Bill Havert made it very clear that they wouldn't be
13 back. I feel that it's time for me to move on, so I'm
14 going to do that. And you folks are here, and you all
15 may have different ideas, different thoughts. And so be
16 it.

17 BOB BROCKMAN: Jeff, you probably had the other
18 point of view.

19 TERRY HENDERSON: Jeff and I have agreed once or
20 twice.

21 JEFF MORGAN: We agree all the time. Just we
22 agree things are different sometimes.

23 But the movement that Terry's talking about to do
24 away with the MAC, to no longer have it, came from people
25 who were resigning anyway or not reapplying; in other

1 words, Buford, the representative of the City of Palm
2 Desert. Bill Havert. He's very close to Buford and
3 decided to join Buford and not come to any more meetings.

4 Terry is very busy, she indicates, and I know she
5 is because I know some of the things she does. So she
6 probably -- I knew Terry was going to resign. In fact,
7 she'd indicated that before these discussions were
8 started.

9 TERRY HENDERSON: Uh-huh.

10 JEFF MORGAN: So I guess it could be interpreted
11 as we are not going to be there anymore, it's not worth
12 having.

13 TERRY HENDERSON: Come on, Jeff.

14 JEFF MORGAN: Just one interpretation of it. So,
15 you know, that may not have been the case, but it sure
16 could have been thought it might be the case.

17 My other concerns were, as I indicated the last
18 time, The Friends of the Desert Mountains is not a public
19 body. Their meetings are private. They are -- I
20 wouldn't say we cannot attend the meetings, but if they
21 start voting on anything or discussing anything, they go
22 into closed session. So that's another issue.

23 Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy, yes, it
24 does have ties to the National Monument, it does things.
25 But its overall mission is much greater and bigger scope

1 than taking care of issues within the Monument, so you
2 very rarely find anything to do with the Monument on
3 their agenda.

4 I'd also note that they don't have any money. In
5 fact every meeting, you know, that was planned for three,
6 four, five months has not occurred. And the one that's
7 due to occur the next week has also been canceled and the
8 one after that, because the state didn't have any money
9 even to hold the meetings. Or the other portion of it is
10 the money they get granted to use for that purpose, which
11 is preservation of land within the conservancy's plan
12 area, there isn't any. So --

13 TERRY HENDERSON: I am on the board for the CVCC
14 and attend those meetings so I know there isn't any money
15 out there. Nobody's pocket.

16 JEFF MORGAN: So what money there is is already
17 spoken for in other ways.

18 So my thoughts are the same now as they were then.
19 I believe this body should continue once we can get some
20 more people on it. The reason this thing was all falling
21 apart is a lack of appointments for several years. So we
22 end up with no members left.

23 TERRY HENDERSON: But one of the reasons for the
24 lack of appointments, too, is we had lack of applicants.

25 JEFF MORGAN: Yeah. But people stopped applying

1 because their applications were not being processed.

2 TERRY HENDERSON: Chicken and the egg.

3 BOB BROCKMAN: I don't know if there is a chicken
4 and egg thing.

5 Just for the record, it's 4:00 o'clock. There is
6 no public in attendance, so public comments are not
7 required. So we continue with our discussion.

8 Tom, do you have --

9 TOM DAVIS: Yeah. I was just speaking for myself
10 and experience. One of the concerns I have -- we had
11 previously was the MAC was formed for a specific purpose
12 and the purpose has been fulfilled. Now, what we would
13 be concerned about is what is the new purpose and how are
14 you going to deliberate on that and what the scope of
15 that is.

16 I know there's talk about it in the charter. It's
17 pretty vague, and I guess we are on the fence one way or
18 the other. I won't speak for my representative, but in
19 the past the tribal council, you know, has been concerned
20 about not just fulfilling the purpose, but if it goes a
21 different direction, what direction will that be.

22 JEFF MORGAN: Well, one of the things in the
23 charter is the implementation of the management plan. We
24 seem to be doing that on a regular basis. Things change
25 all the time. So -- you know, there is ongoing work that

1 needs to be done.

2 TOM DAVIS: But that really is -- that could be
3 done by staff. I am not disagreeing that there shouldn't
4 be some public input to that in some fashion. But that
5 could be done by staff so --

6 JEFF MORGAN: The things that -- one of the big
7 things that we did achieve via MAC was publication of the
8 trails map for the National Monument. That would not
9 have occurred without the Monument Advisory Committee --

10 TOM DAVIS: I don't --

11 JEFF MORGAN: -- to get all the people involved
12 together.

13 TOM DAVIS: Don't get me wrong. I'm not saying
14 that the committee hasn't done good work or will not do
15 good work in the future. It's just that, again, what is
16 the purpose continuing on? Is there a specific? Or are
17 we just going to meet to discuss the implementation plan?

18 JEFF MORGAN: Well, I don't know. Things come up
19 all the time, as I say. People have ideas that can be
20 then shared. I don't meet with Steve or, you know,
21 Laurie that often, so it gives me a chance to meet with
22 them occasionally. Gives other people a chance to meet
23 with them. And it's just a sharing of information that
24 can then be put to good use by staff, who would like to
25 go forward with the task of managing the Monument.

1 That's basically how I feel. You know, the purpose of
2 the MAC is still there.

3 BOB BROCKMAN: I think, Tom, you raised a valid
4 question: What is the continuing purpose, given that the
5 plan is in place? And I suppose you could say that
6 implementation of the plan in its very broadest sense is
7 the remaining purpose. But that can take any one of a
8 number of different avenues.

9 When we first started meeting, I believe we met
10 almost monthly when the plan was in its preparational
11 phase. Then we went back to a quarterly. And we're now
12 at a semi annual. And, as I recall, the charter only
13 requires an annual meeting, once a year.

14 I'd like to throw that out as another alternative
15 for this committee, which would be an annual meeting.
16 But in saying that, it seems to me there needs to be a
17 fallback, because there can be issues that arise much
18 more frequently than once a year; in fact, they may even
19 arise more frequently than twice a year. So the ability
20 to either call special meetings or the ability to form
21 work groups to tend to certain issues as they may come
22 forward from time to time, I think, is still a
23 possibility.

24 From my perspective, I don't know what's going to
25 come in the next several years that might require or be

1 advantageous to continue the committee, but I'd like to
2 think that if something does come up, we have the ability
3 to rise up and deal with it. We're getting good people
4 out there.

5 TERRY HENDERSON: How would they do that?

6

7 DISCUSSION/ACTION - Establishment of Work Groups

8 JIM FOOTE: Well, this kind of bleeds into the
9 next item on the agenda, which is very much related to
10 this, and this is establishment of work groups as an
11 alternative. And we've used these before to address
12 specific needs. One that comes certainly to mind is
13 identification of project priorities in the National
14 Monument. So that we have public input about what are
15 the important tasks for we, the federal agencies, to
16 undertake. What is it that the public feels should be
17 done versus necessarily the agency perspective on that.

18 And so this group has performed in that manner,
19 and that helps us also define how best to allocate
20 budgets to those projects which are the highest priority.

21 In terms of seeing how that could move forward, we
22 certainly can have any number of work group meetings, and
23 then as the work group decides it's necessary to bring a
24 recommendation back to the full group, we can call
25 additional meetings of the full group. And I think that

1 could be something very workable.

2 And typically, in work group fashion, you tend to
3 get more work done. You can meet more frequently. It's
4 more informal because they're work groups and not
5 actually committees. We're not bound by the chartering
6 and the other aspects of the Federal Advisory Committee
7 Act, because we don't take recommendations from that work
8 group. That still needs to come back to the full
9 committee so we don't violate the Advisory Committee Act.

10 BOB BROCKMAN: The other aspect of this is the
11 lead time that you need to publish Federal Register
12 notifications of our meetings. What is that lead time,
13 Jim?

14 JIM FOOTE: It used to be fast, and it's slowed
15 up, and the hope is it will pick up speed a little more.
16 But the process is when I draft a Federal Register
17 notice, I need to get two signatures, one from BLM, one
18 from Forest Service. It moves to the state office. From
19 there it goes to Washington. It gets reviewed by
20 Solicitor and others before it's moved on to the office
21 of the Federal Register for publication. That has taken
22 as long as a couple months. It's taken as little as a
23 couple weeks. It depends.

24 On meeting notification, those are very quick. If
25 the intent is simply to be -- to publish a date of a

1 meeting, that's fast. That's really fast.

2 BOB BROCKMAN: That's kind of where I'm going,
3 because if, for example, we were to meet once a month and
4 we had work groups that were working on certain issues
5 and something came up either from that work group or
6 otherwise and we needed to call a second meeting during
7 the year, you're saying that that could be expedited in a
8 matter of --

9 JIM FOOTE: Two to three weeks.

10 BOB BROCKMAN: -- two to three weeks?

11 JIM FOOTE: Yes.

12 STEVE BORCHARD: Another, I guess, work group
13 possible function that we are implementing -- I'm Steve
14 Borchard -- for our District Advisory Counsel, is we
15 instituted an e-mail work group format where an issue is
16 worked on by staff, presented to a work group, circulated
17 out for review, and then a work chair actually
18 facilitates this. A member of the advisory council
19 volunteers to chair that issue. Goes out via e-mail and
20 solicits advisory committee opinion on the issue. And
21 they take a vote, and you have two weeks -- I think we've
22 done in our charter two weeks -- to carry out a vote or
23 request discussion. Then the issue is either advanced to
24 the council for making the recommendation to either of
25 the Secretaries or it is held for further discussion.

1 Now, we just started this, and we've used it to
2 establish two subgroups. Go through and look at
3 nominations, review nomination packages, and establish
4 those groups.

5 I think, John, those are the only two functions
6 I've seen that use that new work group function. But it
7 seems to be working well. And what it does, that allows
8 a virtual work group meeting and virtual participation by
9 the council members, and you don't have to go through
10 that process of the Federal Register notice of the
11 meeting. And it allows work to be done or advice to be
12 given to the agencies between regular meetings.

13 BOB BROCKMAN: But there would not be any Federal
14 Register requirement for work groups in any event?

15 JIM FOOTE: Correct.

16 BOB BROCKMAN: That's why we went to the work
17 group format, to avoid the Register and the public
18 meeting issue.

19 JEFF MORGAN: But if the work group comes up with
20 something that needs action, that's when a special
21 meeting would need to be called?

22 STEVE BORCHARD: It's a fairly flexible format.

23 JEANNE WADE EVANS: My recollection of work groups
24 is also it allows for a rich discussion and really some
25 brainstorming and some creativity outside of the confines

1 of a hot meeting room possibly. And a lot of work got
2 done that way.

3 But it really goes back, for me, to Tom's
4 question, what is the -- what is the sort of revised
5 purpose of the MAC. Because I came in after the plan was
6 done. I came in when we couldn't even figure out how to
7 get signs, you know, put in the ground. And which I know
8 was very frustrating for some, so they're standing around
9 to make sure that those signs got in the ground, whether
10 they were wilderness or boundary or whatever.

11 I think we're in this new integrative place where
12 the folks that were here that were the planners and
13 really wanted to contribute in that way sort of -- have
14 sort of seen their contribution manifested and the
15 implementation starting to get smoother. There's not as
16 many barriers. There's some.

17 But we could be in a whole other place, sort of a
18 higher level of operating, in terms of partnerships with
19 the cities and conservation groups and academia and
20 tribes that could even enhance the Monument even more.

21 So I just put that out on the table because I
22 think every group has sort of its growing and focus, and
23 we just got to figure out what that focus is right now.
24 Otherwise, you know, once a year could even be too much
25 if it's not clear what the main purpose of getting

1 together is.

2 But I think there's some opportunities that still
3 could be taken advantage of. So I just offer that as my
4 perspective.

5 JIM FOOTE: Which sounds like an opportunity right
6 away for a work group, to focus on focus, to help define
7 what this new direction would be.

8 TERRY HENDERSON: So you want a focus work group
9 to focus on the focus?

10 JIM FOOTE: Yes. If the MAC so desires.

11 JOHN KALISH: I had one other thought. You talk
12 about implementing the plan, but the plans are made to be
13 dynamic and essentially flexible to where if the plan is
14 not meeting your needs for a specific issue, then you go
15 through a process to amend the plan. And that's another
16 part of that process where it's not just implementing a
17 static plan; it's also looking for the inadequacies of
18 the plan as it was written a few years ago where it's not
19 meeting current issues and needs and then amending that
20 plan and moving the process forward or tailor the
21 existing situation.

22 So there's a lot that could be done really in
23 regard to futuring, looking at the plan as it is now,
24 what the needs are, and kind of moving this whole
25 process -- management process forward.

1 JEFF MORGAN: In the initial planning processes
2 that we went through, there were some very contentious
3 items that were never resolved, actually, that were still
4 opposed by half, and half wanted them and half didn't. I
5 mean, there's split votes on quite a lot of things that
6 ended up in the plan that may need revisiting at some
7 time in the future. Maybe they won't. But it wasn't
8 all that consensual to put that plan together. There was
9 a lot of dissent by some so --

10 BOB BROCKMAN: Seems that the three discussion
11 items here are all interrelated, because the
12 identification of the future date for the next meeting
13 may depend upon what the feeling is about using work
14 groups in the interim. So I would like to throw out for
15 discussion or some sort of a recommendation that we move
16 to a once-a-year meeting of the MAC with the use of work
17 groups in between to discuss issues as they come along.

18 TERRY HENDERSON: I'll make that motion.

19 RUTH WATLING: I'll second.

20 BOB BROCKMAN: Motion and second to that effect.
21 Any discussion?

22 TOM DAVIS: Bob, just for clarification, that
23 doesn't preclude not meeting if needed?

24 BOB BROCKMAN: That's right. That allows for
25 special meetings to be called. I think how we decide

1 when special meetings are to be called is another
2 question, and who has the finger on the pulse of what
3 needs to be discussed is another question. But I think
4 the framework can be meeting once a year with work groups
5 in the interim and special meetings as necessary, if
6 that's understood, for a motion.

7 TERRY HENDERSON: Under the discussion of the
8 motion, I made an assumption that you would be appointing
9 a work group probably in the near future to continue the
10 discussion that was had here to return to either special
11 meetings or that one meeting.

12 BOB BROCKMAN: I think we need to at least
13 establish the overall framework, and then the chairman
14 certainly would take the task of appointing a work group.

15 TERRY HENDERSON: The work groups are next on the
16 agenda anyway.

17 BOB BROCKMAN: We're doing that, yes. There's a
18 motion, a second. All those in favor, please say aye.

19 (Ayes)

20 BOB BROCKMAN: Any opposition there? That does
21 pass. That's the recommendation: for a once-a-year
22 meeting.

23 JIM FOOTE: I would suggest as far as operating
24 goes -- and this is, I think, where historically it's
25 worked very well with my meeting with Terry on occasion

1 where I just sit down with her, talk about issues. We
2 decide certain things that might be important to the
3 Monument Advisory Committee. And then I'd endeavor to do
4 that with you as well, Bob.

5 BOB BROCKMAN: I'd welcome that.

6 JIM FOOTE: Maybe that's where at some near future
7 date we can sit down and chat about what are the issues
8 that are facing the Monument and look at what kind of
9 work groups could focus on dealing with those issues.
10 And then maybe establish the work group, deal with that
11 issue, and then determine from that whether and when we
12 would want to call additional meetings of the MAC.

13 BOB BROCKMAN: I would appreciate that personally
14 because I'm not as close to some of the issues as even
15 some of the other MAC members are, such as Jeff. But I
16 would appreciate getting that kind of an overview.

17 JIM FOOTE: Good. We'll set up a date.

18 BOB BROCKMAN: Very good. So I think that dealt
19 with discussion on purpose and need for the MAC and
20 establishment of work groups and partially the
21 identification of future dates. We haven't actually
22 chosen the date.

23

24 ACTION - Identification of future dates for MAC meetings

25 BOB BROCKMAN: So it would seem to me that the

1 next MAC meeting date would be in order at this point.
2 That doesn't preclude our going ahead and meeting in
3 March, but then with the assumption that we'd be meeting
4 one year thereafter. Any thoughts?

5 JEFF MORGAN: I think the 16th of March is the key
6 day when we won't have many people on this advisory
7 committee, I think. So you either have to meet before
8 that or hold the meeting after that day so we'll have
9 sufficient members appointed to have enough people to
10 have a meeting.

11 In other words, you could have a meeting before
12 March 16th, and you would have a quorum. If you have a
13 meeting after March 16th, you probably won't have anybody
14 there except people who have just been appointed for
15 terms that expire after March 16th. That's not very many
16 people.

17 JIM FOOTE: One of the tables reflects that after
18 March 16th, we're likely to have four members appointed
19 to the MAC at that point. Pending the appointments from
20 the current call for nominations, which closes
21 November 30th, then you can see that from the flow chart
22 we wouldn't anticipate appointments until May from this.

23 So we have a window there between March 16th and
24 potentially sometime in May where there may be only four
25 appointees to the MAC. So that could lead to

1 consideration of meeting a year from now when certainly
2 appointments are more assured and the size of the MAC
3 should be greater, presuming -- and this is the
4 presumption again -- that we have a response to the
5 current call for nominations sufficient to generate more
6 members. If this is at all like the last December call
7 for nominations, then all bets are off. We will be back
8 in the same position, having few members on the
9 committee.

10 BOB BROCKMAN: That being the case, I think we'd
11 be safer, then, for a September 2010 meeting than March;
12 right?

13 JIM FOOTE: That would be my recommendation just
14 to assure that. But the homework side of that is
15 hopefully for current members and any interested parties
16 to help us recruit and get some people to actually submit
17 nominations for those positions that are vacant. There
18 are a number of them. There's 12 primaries -- no.
19 Pardon me -- 10 primaries and 12 alternates, I believe.
20 It's reflected in the table here.

21 TERRY HENDERSON: Yeah. 10 and 12 are the
22 numbers.

23 JIM FOOTE: 10 and 12?

24 TERRY HENDERSON: Yeah.

25 JEFF MORGAN: Another thing that could be

1 discussed in a work group could be the -- who the actual
2 members are, because some of the existing members have
3 indicated they have no -- or at least the associations,
4 or whatever, have indicated they no longer want to be a
5 part of this, like the building industry and, you know,
6 people like that so --

7 JIM FOOTE: We know the composition is
8 legislatively established. We don't have -- can't vary
9 other than an act of Congress to change which interests
10 are represented. The benefit we have is now with the
11 omnibus bill giving us the ability to convene a quorum
12 with a majority of the points, so that helps should we
13 never get anyone from the building industry again or --

14 JEFF MORGAN: What I'm saying is if you have
15 someone other than them, you would open up a spot on the
16 advisory committee, some other interested organization or
17 group.

18 JIM FOOTE: Like -- not clear on that. As an
19 example?

20 JEFF MORGAN: I was not giving an example. I was
21 saying a work group could discuss this, who might be a
22 suitable organization or group to have a representative
23 on the MAC, and then at some future legislation we can
24 insert a paragraph on some unrelated bill, and it can be
25 changed.

1 JIM FOOTE: So you're thinking of identification
2 of an ex-officio representative who doesn't have standing
3 to vote --

4 JEFF MORGAN: No.

5 JIM FOOTE: -- but can participate until such
6 time --

7 JEFF MORGAN: No. I'm talking about changing the
8 legislatively chartered whatever, the --

9 TERRY HENDERSON: The named organizations in the
10 legislation, if they've indicated --

11 JEFF MORGAN: Right. They don't want to be --

12 TERRY HENDERSON: -- using the BIA, I think I
13 heard you say -- and I've not heard you say they're no
14 longer interested. I know that we can't seem to get
15 anybody appointed -- change their name to some other
16 organization's name.

17 JEFF MORGAN: Right. Who may have more interest.
18 Because there are 15 positions on the advisory committee
19 when it's filled. There's always going to be vacancies
20 in between. So if you get people who have a slot on this
21 thing who decide they don't want to be there anymore,
22 maybe that position or that could be used by someone who
23 would be more interested.

24 JIM FOOTE: The key there -- what I'm hearing is
25 the desire for legislative change. Of course, that would

1 be the purview of individuals going to the -- this group
2 cannot weigh in on that. And then, as you suggest, it
3 would be -- could be attached to some bill that would
4 change the composition of the Monument Advisory
5 Committee.

6 I think it's important before that would be
7 suggested, to reconnect with all the interests that are
8 currently identified and see where they do stand. I know
9 the building industry, there's been interest there to
10 serve, but there just hasn't been sufficient time to
11 participate. Winter Park Authority, haven't seen someone
12 for a while, although my guess is there's still interest
13 to participate.

14 So we want to make sure that those organizations
15 are covered and given a fair chance to continue. So,
16 anyway -- but, again, this is a process that's outside
17 the purview of the advisory committee.

18 BOB BROCKMAN: Jim, does the building industry
19 have the option of recommending somebody to represent
20 them who may not be a bona fide member of the BIA?

21 JIM FOOTE: Yes.

22 TOM DAVIS: That could happen. It doesn't say
23 Building Industry Association. Local development
24 interest group.

25 JIM FOOTE: Yes.

1 TOM DAVIS: Because you had a member representing
2 that slot who was not a member of the Building Industry
3 Association.

4 JEFF MORGAN: The member can represent their views
5 and interests, because he's appointed.

6 JIM FOOTE: The key aspect of this is a
7 requirement for the interest being represented to provide
8 a letter of support or recommendation for that
9 individual. So an individual can in fact apply for any
10 position. As long as they were to get that letter of
11 support and recommendation from the interest, they're
12 fine. So really opens up the opportunities here. We
13 just haven't been successful in getting folks to come on
14 board.

15 TERRY HENDERSON: I think we have run to the BIA
16 when we have a vacancy, assuming that they have broader
17 contacts to people in the development community on an
18 easier, faster basis than us going individually. And,
19 again, there's been verbal support. But it will
20 challenge the folks having to come to the meeting --

21 TOM DAVIS: I'm willing to bet if they were
22 presented again with the fact it's being reconstituted,
23 there's a position here, and you bring it to their board,
24 that they would consider somebody.

25 BOB BROCKMAN: We're still left with the date. Is

1 there any --

2 TERRY HENDERSON: I heard September of next year.

3 BOB BROCKMAN: Third Monday in September of 2010?

4 TERRY HENDERSON: That gives the work committees a
5 great deal of time to hash through the purpose and the
6 other issues that they talked about.

7 BOB BROCKMAN: If there is no objection, why don't
8 we proceed with that in mind.

9

10 REPORT/UPDATE - Monument projects, activities, etc.

11 BOB BROCKMAN: Report and update on monument
12 projects from the agencies.

13 JIM FOOTE: There's another sheet in here. It's
14 called FY2010 Proposed Projects. Just to note the caveat
15 on this, Project approval is based on funding
16 availability, staffing capability, and agency priorities,
17 and the list isn't comprehensive. But with that in mind,
18 I'll just pass this over to Laurie to start with in
19 looking at some of the Forest Service projects within the
20 Monument for which they're the leader.

21 LAURIE ROSENTHAL: Thank you, Jim.

22 Well, this is all about the implementation of the
23 monument plan. I'm not going to go over all the parts of
24 the process, but I will highlight a few, and then I'll
25 open it up for questions on any that I have not

1 highlighted.

2 As you probably have heard, we did have an omnibus
3 bill that passed, and, as a result, we have four new wild
4 and scenic rivers including one in the Monument, which is
5 Palm Canyon. And so this next fiscal year we will be
6 writing, which is part of what the legislation mandates,
7 a wild and scenic river plan. And we would certainly
8 like to have our partners involved in that plan.

9 So I'm going to kind of talk about this just to
10 highlight some different things that you individually can
11 get involved with, or we can set up work groups.

12 Another thing that we're going to be doing is we
13 have an interpretive sign replacement. That is the third
14 item there. And we have a really, really nice facility
15 now. You know, there aren't too many places along the
16 Monument you can just pull over and have a great view and
17 have it just a short, nice experience. So we have redone
18 the deck and the parking area, and now it's time for the
19 interpretive sign replacement which we are partnering
20 with Agua Caliente on. And that's another area that you
21 all might want to get involved with.

22 One thing we're doing tomorrow, the fourth item on
23 here, is we do have some economic recovery dollars, and
24 right now it's just a pot of money in the Forest Service,
25 in the San Bernardino National Forest. And we are going

1 to be looking at facilities in Santa Rosa Mountains and
2 the campground in Ribbonwood Campground as far as
3 replacing the toilet and maybe even looking at a new
4 location for the Little Campground in the Santa Rosa.
5 And then some of the Yellow Post sites.

6 Anyway, it will be tomorrow if anybody here is
7 interested. It's going to be a full day starting at
8 9:30. If you come see me after this meeting, we can talk
9 more about that.

10 One of the -- some of you -- those of you that
11 were on the mailing list did receive the scoping for the
12 Santa Rosa field reduction. And so that's just closed
13 recently, the scoping period. If you had an opportunity
14 just by being on the mailing list, you will -- for those
15 of you newcomers, you will get an opportunity to comment
16 on different projects that are going on that require
17 environmental analysis.

18 I think the one that might -- we might actually
19 want to think about as a work group, though, is the next
20 one on there, which is a Palms to Pines Corridor
21 Management Plan. This is a grant that was awarded to a
22 subset of the Forest Service -- they're called an
23 enterprise team. They are Forest Service employees, but
24 they kind of act like entrepreneurs. So the grant was
25 over a hundred thousand dollars. And this is the first

1 step toward the Palms to Pines Highway, which is Highway
2 74 and 243, towards national scenic byway status.

3 Now, once you become a national scenic byway, you
4 are open to all kinds of grants and opportunities. And
5 sometimes even nonprofits are formed or a nonprofit takes
6 this on.

7 So this first step is going to involve a lot of
8 public involvement down here in the desert. When you
9 think about Highway 243 and 74, you have Hemet, you have
10 the desert, you have the Banning area, you have
11 Idyllwild, you have Pinyon. And so these are all
12 different entities that can be involved in this. And I
13 think for sure that's a Monument Advisory Committee,
14 since so much of this potential scenic byway goes through
15 the Monument. And for a lot of people, their only
16 contact with the Monument is driving for pleasure and
17 maybe stopping for pleasure along the byway.

18 I think this is something that we might consider
19 as a working group. I know last time we talked a little
20 bit about it. And we are gearing up right now for the
21 first big meeting, which is going to be like a steering
22 committee, and that could involve one or more people from
23 the Monument Advisory Committee that are interested.

24 There is a professor, I believe, from Cal State
25 that -- she's done, like, a lot of these. And she comes

1 down, and she does all the public involvement. But then
2 there's also the local public involvement continued. She
3 will do like this big flashy thing, but then there's a
4 continuing process. I don't want to dwell too much on
5 this, but that's something we might want to consider for
6 a working group.

7 Just one other thing about that. I think in
8 certain places like Pinyon, they're going to be blinded
9 by the safety issue, Idyllwild also, because the safety
10 issues on these two highways are paramount. And I think
11 unless we can actually be focusing on the safety first, I
12 don't think that people are going to be interested in the
13 interpretive opportunities along this highway. Also be
14 thinking about it, this is going to increase the amount
15 of drivers. So, to me, that needs to be a huge focus --
16 we need to focus on getting Caltrans very much involved.

17 RUTH WATLING: I have a question on that, Laurie.
18 Before we had the Monument, back when the steering groups
19 and before that, we made 74 a scenic corridor. Is that
20 different from byway? Or was that --

21 LAURIE ROSENTHAL: It's a state scenic highway.

22 RUTH WATLING: But not federal. Okay.

23 LAURIE ROSENTHAL: Correct. So it cannot receive
24 all the grant monies that are possibly available at this
25 time.

1 RUTH WATLING: Okay.

2 LAURIE ROSENTHAL: Does anybody have any questions
3 about anything else that has a check next to U.S. Forest
4 Service? Okay.

5 I also wanted to let you know that we have Lee
6 Beyer, who is our recreation technician, who took another
7 job. He's still actually on the San Jacinto Ranger
8 District. And so we have a new person in that position
9 who's going to be out there and going to be our eyes and
10 ears in the recreational areas on the Monument. Her
11 name -- she just began -- is Stacey Wellman. Some of you
12 may know that last name. Wellman is a -- they have been
13 doing historic grazing now in the Monument for a very,
14 very long time. She is related. And so Stacey has been
15 working as our off-highway vehicle recreation technician
16 previously, and she has brought so much life in there as
17 far as just gathering so many new volunteers and getting
18 everybody excited.

19 And so I'm just very thrilled that Stacey is now
20 going to be working in the Monument. And I am sure she's
21 going to be doing that same thing, and she's going to be
22 creating volunteer projects, along with Danielle Ortiz,
23 who is going to be the focal volunteer coordinator who's
24 going to be out working the whole Monument as well but
25 more overall program management rather than the actual

1 implementation.

2 So I think between Danielle and Stacey, we just
3 have this incredibly dynamic team that is going to add so
4 much life -- more life even than we already have to the
5 Monument and the excitement of bringing in more and more
6 folks. So I'm very thrilled about that.

7 That's all I have unless anybody has any
8 questions.

9 JIM FOOTE: Actually that's a great segue in terms
10 of the staffing issues. And Stacey's been on board with
11 us now for eight days, and I have to say she is a dynamo
12 and has high expectations that she is going to do
13 everything that Laurie's indicated.

14 To add to that future good-looking puzzle is today
15 I interviewed for the park ranger position to fill in
16 behind our BLM permanent person at the visitors center.
17 If this individual is successful in being awarded the
18 position, just another dynamo in terms of environmental
19 education and interpretation. And I think we'll have
20 quite a team at the visitors center to really move those
21 kinds of projects forward, to really do much more
22 outreach into the local community. It's a pretty
23 exciting time, I think, and we're going to see some
24 really good stuff coming our way.

25 RUTH WATLING: Can you say who it is?

1 JIM FOOTE: No. Nobody you would know. I'll just
2 say that.

3 JEANNE WADE EVANS: Jim and Laurie, did we also
4 make a commitment to have another student temporary
5 employee or not?

6 JIM FOOTE: This would be to fill in behind
7 Danielle.

8 JEANNE WADE EVANS: Who came from the College of
9 the Desert.

10 JIM FOOTE: Correct. I think we've addressed
11 that.

12 JEANNE WADE EVANS: Okay. So we'd look to those
13 opportunities in the future as well?

14 JIM FOOTE: Uh-huh. Absolutely.

15 JEANNE WADE EVANS: We're getting good people out
16 there.

17 JIM FOOTE: Uh-huh. I'm going to go over some of
18 these other projects with the BLM before turning it over
19 to John Kalish, who is going to give a broader view of
20 the field office and how it fits in with many of the
21 other projects that are not necessarily monument
22 projects, but they can relate. They are part of the
23 bigger picture.

24 Just a few quick comments on some of these. The
25 low-elevation tamarisk removal projects, we're going to

1 continue those. In your packet is also, though, I want
2 to point out, a San Bernardino National Forest press
3 release. It's a two-sided thing. These are on the
4 public -- Public Lands Day projects coming up this
5 weekend. You'll see, in fact, this Saturday on the back
6 page is the one for the National Monument, which is
7 tamarisk removal, which is going to happen in Sheep
8 Canyon, which is just south of Martinez Canyon. That is
9 occurring this coming Saturday. Volunteer project,
10 Public Lands Day. You'll read about some of the other
11 projects going on in the forest in the news release.

12 In terms of the other projects going on, I've also
13 included the fall schedule for events and activities.
14 Again, these are the primary ones. Oftentimes we end up
15 inserting additional programs as we go along, but these
16 are the ones you can count on happening. Anytime anyone
17 wants to participate, it's great.

18 Also another sidelight on Danielle's position,
19 just because Kurt's here, Kurt worked very closely at
20 College of the Desert with Danielle. I think you've been
21 her advisor?

22 KURT LEUSCHNER: Yeah.

23 JIM FOOTE: So this is a great connection between
24 one of our Forest Service employees on the Monument and
25 one of our Monument Advisory Committee members. Just

1 wanted to point that out.

2 KURT LEUSCHNER: We have a program at CID called
3 work experience. That could be another way to get some
4 more help. You wouldn't have to pay them either. We
5 give them college credit, and they get good experience.

6 LAURIE ROSENTHAL: An intern type of --

7 KURT LEUSCHNER: They can work anywhere from 4 to
8 16 hours a week or more.

9 JIM FOOTE: Great. We have an in right on the
10 advisory committee here. Help us push that program
11 forward.

12 We're also working in conjunction on the Cahuilla
13 Tewanet interpretive sign replacements in providing
14 support for that. Just want to point out that the tribe
15 has contributed funds that we -- in past years that we're
16 going to be using for that project. Those still remain
17 in the account. We will be moving those forward to
18 replace those signs.

19 Using the stimulus money, we're looking at survey
20 and design for the Randall Henderson trailhead parking
21 lot and will connect that connecting trail -- or build
22 that connecting trail between the visitors center and the
23 trailhead.

24 One of the things we've been hoping to do for a
25 long time -- and part of this is dependent upon staffing

1 as well. As I indicated up front, the caveat printed at
2 the bottom includes staffing capability.

3 We're in the process now of working a list for the
4 outdoor recreation planner for the National Monument.
5 This is the third time we're trying to fill that
6 position. That one's very key and vital to moving some
7 of these recreation projects forward. I try to hold that
8 program together best I can, but it's eroding and I need
9 an assistant, so hopefully we will get that filled.

10 Anyway, one of those projects is the development
11 of the new Pacific Crest trailhead near Snow Creek and
12 rerouting the PCT at that same location. There's been
13 tremendous confusion at Snow Creek about where to park,
14 how you access the trail because of the conflicting
15 signage at the Desert Water Agency gate. Folks who
16 actually are hiking from north to south look at that
17 sign. It says No Trespassing. They're wondering, is
18 this the trail, and they start wandering through the
19 community. Not a particularly good thing, not
20 appreciative by the community. So easy reroute of that
21 will avoid that problem completely. So we're hoping we
22 can get that done this year. It's not a very complicated
23 project.

24 We're looking at constructing an amphitheater at
25 the monument visitors center. Terry always hated the

1 word I used, and she circled it, too, my word
2 amphitheater.

3 JEANNE WADE EVANS: What's the correct term?

4 TERRY HENDERSON: In defense, in defense is when
5 this was first brought up, there were community
6 members -- the word "amphitheater" in the nearby
7 community means loud music and noise. And I just simply
8 indicated I thought they should look for a different word
9 to make your life easier.

10 LAURIE ROSENTHAL: Don't want to disturb the
11 sheep.

12 TOM DAVIS: How about outdoor rock stadium.

13 JIM FOOTE: Perfect, perfect. We did look at the
14 design. In fact, it's a very nice design on the back
15 side of the Big Bear Discovery Center up in Big Bear,
16 which is a Forest Service facility. It's a small
17 amphitheater or alternative facility.

18 JEANNE WADE EVANS: We actually call it an
19 amphitheater.

20 TERRY HENDERSON: I'm sure you do. I'm sure you
21 do.

22 JIM FOOTE: We did obtain the drawings for that
23 cost estimate, and we're actually closer to the cost of
24 that than we originally anticipated. Again, this is a
25 project that we've accepted funds from the tribe, which

1 would probably cover roughly half that project, and I'm
2 hoping that during this upcoming year we'll have
3 sufficient funds to move it forward and get it on the
4 ground.

5 Trails plan. That's one that just continues. And
6 I did do a short presentation at the last meeting with
7 some of the elements we're looking at moving forward.
8 That continues to be a drawn-out effort. Those that have
9 been around for a while know that we started the planning
10 for that ten years ago in 1999, incorporating it in with
11 the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat
12 Conservation Plan. Took a long time to get to where we
13 are, where the nonfederal jurisdiction has approved that
14 side of the plan. We're just still waiting for
15 biological opinion for the federal decision to be issued.
16 And I'm not anticipating that will occur this year,
17 calendar year. Hopefully for 2010 we will be able to
18 issue that decision and move forward.

19 Land exchange between BLM and the Agua Caliente
20 Band of Cahuilla Indians. If you recall, for those that
21 are familiar with the management plan, we identified that
22 the particular sections on the BLM side that we would be
23 exchanging within the National Monument, that project has
24 been slow moving, but we're trying to pick that up a bit
25 more. We're working still on the draft environmental

1 assessment. I'm meeting with the contractor on Wednesday
2 to review the comments I made on that document in hopes
3 of resolving the questions I have, getting that out for
4 public comment, keeping this going.

5 And then, as I mentioned, delivery of interpretive
6 environmental education programs, somewhat reflected
7 here. Those that get the annual issue of the Palm
8 Springs Life magazine, the September issue, will also see
9 a number of those programs for the entire year reflected
10 in that magazine. So we're getting more and more
11 coverage. We have a ways to go. We can certainly use
12 some additional, let's say, prominence, press, if you
13 will. The Friends of the Desert Mountains has been
14 working very closely with us in that regard. They still
15 continue to push our efforts forward and are a tremendous
16 partner in doing that.

17 With that, if there aren't any questions, I'll let
18 John do a little update on the Palm Springs issue.

19 JEFF MORGAN: Can I please comment?

20 JIM FOOTE: Jeff?

21 JEFF MORGAN: On the Snow Creek Pacific Crest
22 Trail, about a couple of years ago, I talked to you about
23 this officially. Then I attempted to secure funding from
24 the American Hiking Society, which they pretty much said
25 sure. And then the Pacific Crest Trail Association said

1 if there's funding coming to the Pacific Crest Trail, we
2 want to control it. So I could no longer do the American
3 Hiking Society as a grant to the BLM to do this work. It
4 would have to go through the bureaucracy of the Pacific
5 Crest Trail Association, so I turned it down.

6 JIM FOOTE: I anticipate that we'll do a fairly --
7 what I would envision, easy-to-do environmental
8 assessment, utilize volunteer labor to put in the trail
9 and the -- develop a fairly primitive parking lot with
10 limited signing, which we can do in-house as well.

11 JEFF MORGAN: As I said, for the grant money, they
12 said we want to control it. You can't let the BLM do
13 this by themselves. So you may have that problem with
14 them when you try and move forward.

15 JEANNE WADE EVANS: Is that really a problem,
16 though, if the American Hiking Association works --

17 JEFF MORGAN: Hiking Society.

18 JEANNE WADE EVANS: -- Society works with the
19 Pacific Crest Trail?

20 JEFF MORGAN: The Pacific Crest Trail wanted to
21 get the grant and spend it themselves instead of it being
22 specifically earmarked for --

23 JEANNE WADE EVANS: That section of the --

24 JEFF MORGAN: -- that particular project, what Jim
25 is talking about, which I discussed with Jim earlier.

1 And they didn't like the idea of someone else doing what
2 they do -- they thought they should be doing.

3 JEANNE WADE EVANS: 'Cause annually we meet with
4 them and help direct that work so --

5 JEFF MORGAN: Right. But there's so many
6 different people in the organization --

7 JEANNE WADE EVANS: Okay.

8 JEFF MORGAN: -- that, you know, there's people in
9 Sacramento, there's people in Southern California. They
10 all have their little bits of it, and they do not want
11 the American Hiking Society interfering on their turf.

12 JIM FOOTE: At a minimum we will be coordinating
13 with BCTA on this.

14 JEFF MORGAN: I'm sure. It's another hiking
15 organization involved in it at this time.

16 JIM FOOTE: I remember providing you kind of that
17 information on that American Hiking Society.

18 JEFF MORGAN: I filled out the application and
19 said, sure, yeah. And then crash.

20 JIM FOOTE: Okay. Any other questions on what
21 I've covered? If not, I'll give John an opportunity to
22 talk about some Palm Springs projects.

23 JOHN KALISH: Want to give an update on a
24 discussion that we had, I think, two meetings ago, on the
25 Cabazon Wind Energy WEX 118 project proposal. It's a

1 wind farm. The two proponents are Bill and Brad Adams,
2 father and son, that actually have -- they've operated
3 wind farms on the north side of I-10, up on Whitewater
4 Hill and those areas, for quite a long time.

5 But if you were here, you might remember that the
6 proposal involved up to 52 three-megawatt machines, all
7 south of I-10 where 111 splits off in the vicinity of
8 Fingal's Finger just to the west of Snow Creek. Or
9 depending on the availability of wind turbines, they
10 could also -- they had another option of 42
11 3 1/2-megawatt machines. So we're looking at wind
12 turbines that are upwards of 400-plus feet tall up on the
13 ridges, quite a change for the area south of the freeway.

14 In a recent conversation that one of our staff who
15 handles all of the wind energy in our office, Claude
16 Kirby, had with Brad Adams, the holdup on their project,
17 which they still consider viable, is going through the
18 county decision, the zoning variance process, to change
19 the general plan to allow the use of the land south of
20 I-10 and 111, and especially up on the steep slopes, for
21 wind energy development.

22 The project itself would not have wind turbines on
23 BLM monument land so we would have the infrastructure
24 roads, access roads, and the electrical lines and
25 collection lines as well as communication facilities.

1 So it's really on a kind of a stand-by mode on
2 just waiting to see what the county will do, and then to
3 see if the Adams family will continue to push the overall
4 project. Any questions on the WEX 118? Not a lot has
5 changed.

6 About a year ago or maybe a little more than a
7 year ago, I think we all were feeling pretty good
8 staffwise. We had just gotten on our associate field
9 manager. Lots of experience, very high energy. And our
10 workload was being well handled and funding seemed to be
11 going quite well.

12 And then one individual came in the office and
13 mentioned the words "solar development." And that kind
14 of started an explosion in proposals, of which now in
15 eastern Riverside County, just to give you a little
16 perspective on our overall programs and being able to
17 kind of allocate staff, whether they be archaeologists or
18 wildlife biologists, from working on monument projects
19 and land exchanges and things like that, or to shift them
20 off onto other project proposals.

21 But just show you the map here. I'll just pass
22 this map around. The scale is not all that great, but
23 the bright yellow shows -- this is a section of I-10 from
24 Chiriaco Summit all the way to Blythe. It shows the
25 extent of the areas of BLM lands that are under solar

1 energy applications, of which we have 19 applications now
2 for about 140,000 acres. About half were the thermal
3 type projects like the one that you see if you drive up
4 395 around Kramer Junction, and then the other half are
5 the regular portable opaque cell panels that generate the
6 electricity.

7 Overall, if you put all of our projects
8 together -- and the assumption is that probably only a
9 percentage of these would ever be constructed due to
10 constraints out in that area -- but we're looking at
11 about 11 gigawatts of generation capacity from that
12 eastern Riverside County area. And it does extend up
13 into Rice Valley. There's another proposal that would be
14 set right on top of the old airport, which you might know
15 was utilized in the Desert Training Center back in the
16 old Patton Camp Days in 1943 for desert training.

17 So it's a very extensive set of projects, and
18 right now we're working with all of the other
19 jurisdictions and entities and trying to sort out how we
20 go about handling this many projects and deal with the
21 various aspects of NEPA and CEQA, cumulative impact and
22 reasonable, foreseeable development scenarios, all of
23 those things, to try and develop environmental analyses
24 that we can get out to the public and start to do -- kind
25 of move these things forward.

1 We do have four projects right now that are moving
2 a little quicker. But we are working very closely with
3 the California Energy Commission, Public Utilities
4 Commission. I know the County of -- Riverside County at
5 some point when they sort out their jurisdictional issues
6 with each one of these projects. Of course, Fish and
7 Wildlife Service, Fish and Game, and SHPO and all of the
8 standard players.

9 So the solar picture right now is mainly
10 concentrated in Riverside County, although we're having
11 some new applications for both wind and solar down in
12 San Diego and -- San Diego County and different areas
13 where they are expanding beyond Riverside County but
14 still in our jurisdiction.

15 So we anticipate the next couple of years to be
16 quite an extensive workload trying to build up teams and
17 expertise and bring people on and do some creative ways
18 to try and handle that solar workload. So sign of the
19 times.

20 As far as fire, our Black Rock engine has been
21 over on Mt. Wilson while they're wrapping up the fire
22 over there and should be back. We have moved our Black
23 Rock engine down to another fire station in Morongo
24 Valley, a little closer to the areas that we are
25 responsible for. We're looking forward to that. I know

1 that Morongo Valley community likes the idea of having
2 additional fire protection in the valley, as opposed to
3 up in Black Rock and within the national park.

4 Pinyon, of course, is staffed and up and running.
5 You've probably heard, we're looking at Santa Ana
6 conditions coming in, so we're all crossing our fingers
7 and hoping for the best.

8 Then lastly, we're wrapping up the draft of our
9 South Coast Resource Management Plan, and we are
10 presently revising all of our lands in western
11 Riverside County. It's all of the non-desert lands. We
12 manage western Riverside, all of L.A. County, and down
13 into San Diego County, so that plan should hit the
14 streets, about 140,000 thousand acres of very intensively
15 managed, lots of T & E species, archaeological sites. Be
16 a very comprehensive plan. We hope to have that plan out
17 in the next month or two, so stand by for that.

18 That's just a general overview of some of our
19 bigger initiatives that we're doing within the office and
20 lot of other just standard kind of run-of-the-day
21 projects.

22 JEANNE WADE EVANS: Like transmission lines.

23 JOHN KALISH: Like transmission lines. Lot of
24 land work. Habitat restoration. Our field crew is going
25 to be doing all winter long, a lot more invasive species.

1 Really focused in on tamarisk, Whitewater, Mission Creek,
2 Big and Little Morongo Canyons, the Coachella Valley
3 Preserve, and then all of the canyons within the Monument
4 clear down to Dos Palmas, the refuge down there. So
5 they're going to stay quite busy working that part of the
6 program. So we have our hands full.

7 BOB BROCKMAN: I have a question on the tamarisk
8 eradication. We've been talking about this for a long
9 time, and I guess it's going to continue to be a
10 long-term problem. I'm just curious, are we making any
11 headway?

12 JOHN KALISH: We are making substantial headway in
13 very specific areas. I can point to Dos Palmas. If you
14 go down to that preserve, which we are going to manage
15 with a lot of agencies and entities, incredible aquatic
16 and riparian habitat. Much of the tamarisk, almost all
17 of it, is gone now all around the aquatic. It's really a
18 high-value habitat.

19 Our crews have been up Whitewater Canyon. I was
20 up there a week ago, and I saw some green sprouts, but
21 all the big stuff is gone. Same thing in Little and Big
22 Morongo Canyons. They're going to hit Mission Creek.

23 You can really make some inroads, but you have to
24 stay at it until there's some kind of a biological
25 control that can be developed that the Fish and Wildlife

1 Service will approve. And there are some real potential
2 controls that are out there. And the hope is we can get
3 away from cut and spray and using herbicides and do it in
4 a more biologically acceptable way.

5 JIM FOOTE: Thanks, John, for agency reports.
6 Any other thoughts? Steve? Jeanne?

7 JEANNE WADE EVANS: I guess most people know about
8 the proposed monument legislation that's bumping around.
9 Right?

10 JIM FOOTE: Are you aware of that, Debra?

11 DEBRA OLINGER: No.

12 JIM FOOTE: There's one candidate.

13 JEANNE WADE EVANS: There has been discussion. I
14 don't know that anything is really wrapped up yet. But
15 it actually is kind of a compliment to this monument
16 effort and this Monument Advisory Committee that they are
17 looking at -- Senator Feinstein's office is looking at
18 proposed monument designation for the big Mother Road for
19 a lot of BLM and other lands. But also right across I-10
20 over in the San Gorgonio wilderness, both on national
21 forest and BLM land. So the example here was used as a
22 model of how we might manage other lands in a different
23 status, so that's kind of parading around.

24 TOM DAVIS: It's not an addition to this Monument;
25 it's a new monument somewhere else?

1 JEANNE WADE EVANS: Two new proposed monuments.

2 TERRY HENDERSON: The way I -- the gist of what I
3 got when I read that story was the way this Monument was
4 put together, the number of organizations that were all
5 involved in the creation of it, was more or less the
6 reference to being used as a model, how we were all at
7 the table.

8 TOM DAVIS: Eventually.

9 TERRY HENDERSON: Five years. Hey, we got there.

10 JEFF MORGAN: Most of the language of the bill is
11 lifted straight from this. The initial proposals that I
12 read, you know, I thought we have already done this.
13 They, so to say, lifted the language and just changed the
14 name of the monument committee. It makes it a lot
15 easier.

16 JEANNE WADE EVANS: There seemed to be a lot of
17 energy about it prior to the August recess, and then it
18 just went quiet. So I think you'll hear more as people
19 get back in town and they're not focused only on the
20 medical issues.

21 JEFF MORGAN: We can expect it to be introduced
22 very soon.

23 RUTH WATLING: Who will it go through?

24 JEANNE WADE EVANS: It will go through --

25 JEFF MORGAN: The Senate first, and then it will

1 be introduced in the House shortly thereafter. Can't
2 really say whose it's going to be. Negotiations are
3 still going on.

4 JEANNE WADE EVANS: Of course the agencies just
5 provide information. We didn't really support or promote
6 different legislation, proposed legislation, but we were
7 providing a lot of information prior to the August
8 recess.

9 JEFF MORGAN: Max 'em out.

10 JEANNE WADE EVANS: Pardon me?

11 JEFF MORGAN: Max 'em out.

12 JEANNE WADE EVANS: Gillan (phonetic) does the
13 max.

14 BOB BROCKMAN: All right. Anything else? Steve,
15 did you have --

16 STEVE BORCHARD: Nope. Nothing here.

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18 Open forum for MAC member discussions, Q&A

19 JIM FOOTE: Let me just -- well, actually this is
20 your item, Bob, the open forum. This is a little bit new
21 that we haven't really had this before. I just wanted to
22 provide an opportunity. I hope folks would have an
23 opportunity to ask whatever issues are up. For instance,
24 I have one that goes to Garratt about the Long Canyon
25 management plan and the interpretive plan for the park.

1 Ron Krueper was here at the March 16th meeting,
2 and he gave kind of an update of what was happening. And
3 subsequent to that, there was a couple of public
4 meetings, one in Idyllwild, one in Palm Springs. I know
5 the one I attended in Palm Springs, I represented
6 25 percent of the audience. So I was just wondering if
7 anything has moved forward with that or what's the
8 status.

9 GARRATT AITCHISON: It all hinges on bond sales,
10 of course, and that's not happening. So the management
11 plan is -- the public meeting in Idyllwild went through
12 and the same Winter Park Authority, Palm Springs
13 authority tended to view it in Palm Springs or in
14 Idyllwild, so the turnout was disappointing.

15 JEFF MORGAN: Friday night is not the ideal time
16 for a public meeting.

17 GARRATT AITCHISON: Maybe that was why. But the
18 interpretive management plan is actually moving forward.
19 Not as -- certainly not as controversial as things that
20 have been presented in meetings and suggestions that
21 things take place in Long Valley. So that's moving
22 forward. It's baby steps, but we actually have a draft
23 within the district. Everyone's offering their
24 suggestions on what they think should happen.

25 And it's a sector-wide management plan so it

1 includes Idyllwild and it includes Stone Creek
2 Campground. It includes the Mountain Station at the tram
3 and Long Valley. And the trail between the Mountain
4 Station and Idyllwild. So that's moving forward. But
5 the management plan itself, as far as that small piece of
6 ground outside the back door of Mountain Station on the
7 tram, is on hold.

8 BOB BROCKMAN: Thank you. Any other --

9 TERRY HENDERSON: I'm at the Q&A part of it. I'll
10 start with a question. The question would be to myself,
11 Terry, what is it you're going to say. And the answer
12 is, I wanted to take the opportunity to tell everyone how
13 much I've enjoyed the last nine years. There's been
14 several levels of high frustration, but it's been a lot
15 of fun and it's been a joy knowing all of you and working
16 with you. You've done a terrific job, and when the
17 year's through, I think you'll have a good committee,
18 good discussion, good organization, terrific staff.

19 JIM FOOTE: Thank you.

20 TERRY HENDERSON: You're welcome. It's been fun.
21 I wish you luck as you go into the future.

22 BOB BROCKMAN: Thank you.

23 I have one thing only as a follow-up to what
24 Laurie said about a potential work group on the National
25 Scenic Byway. It sounded like a good recommendation.

1 And I trust, Ruth, that you would be interested in being
2 on such a work group?

3 RUTH WATLING: Yes.

4 BOB BROCKMAN: As long as we're all here, are
5 there any others at this point who might want to
6 participate in a work group regarding the National Scenic
7 Byway Project?

8 KURT LEUSCHNER: I suppose I should be on it. I
9 think I wrote the description for the California Scenic
10 Byways Commission. Probably just take that document. It
11 wouldn't be that hard.

12 JEANNE WADE EVANS: You could do it for a hundred
13 thousand?

14 BOB BROCKMAN: And I would participate as well.
15 Maybe when we meet next week and talk about how we can
16 get with Laurie to work on that.

17 JIM FOOTE: Over the next week I'll get with you
18 to identify dates and get to other --

19 LAURIE ROSENTHAL: I didn't see everybody who
20 raised their hands. Deborah, Bob.

21 JIM FOOTE: And Kurt.

22 LAURIE ROSENTHAL: And Kurt. Excellent.

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24 Identification of future agenda items

25 BOB BROCKMAN: Any other future agenda items? I

1 know we're looking a year ahead now. If someone is that
2 clairvoyant, speak up, or otherwise get in touch with Jim
3 or myself regarding any agenda items for next September.

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5 Adjourn

6 BOB BROCKMAN: If nothing else, I will entertain a
7 motion for adjournment.

8 TERRY HENDERSON: So moved.

9 RUTH WATLING: Second.

10 BOB BROCKMAN: Anyone else? Okay. We are
11 adjourned.

12 (TIME NOTED: 5:09 p.m.)

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